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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

OPTICAL COMPONENT HAVING A REDUCED THERMAL SENSITIVITY

the specification of which

 is attached hereto.

 X was filed on January 23, 2002 as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/055,706 and was amended on if applicable (the "Application").

(Applicant's attorney is authorized to enter serial number and filing date after execution of this document)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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